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**BAXTER ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF
RENAL DISCOVERIES EXTRAMURAL GRANT PROGRAM**

***Two Canadian clinical research projects awarded grants
to advance scientific knowledge and treatment of kidney disease***

MISSISSAUGA, ON, February 26 — Baxter Corporation is pleased to mark the start of National Kidney Month with congratulations to two Canadian clinical research projects recently announced as winners of the Baxter International Inc. RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program. The research projects from **University Health Network** (Toronto, Ontario) and **St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton / McMaster University** (Hamilton, Ontario), each receive \$375,000 in funding to help advance the knowledge of kidney disease and treatment.

"We value and commend this support of clinical research so critical to enabling knowledge translation and improving treatments for persons living with kidney disease and renal failure," says Paul Shay, National Executive Director of The Kidney Foundation of Canada.

The incidence of chronic kidney disease is growing, fuelled largely by diseases associated with an aging population, hypertension and increasing rates of diabetes. It is estimated that approximately two million Canadians have kidney disease or are at risk¹. Through its support of the RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program, Baxter aims to stimulate scientific advancement and general knowledge in nephrology with the goal of improving the quality of life and reducing mortality of patients with kidney disease.

An independent, international Medical Advisory Board selected four winning proposals from 71 entries demonstrating the highest quality patient-oriented clinical research in the area of home

¹ Kidney Foundation of Canada, *Kidney Disease: Quick Facts and Stats*, <http://www.kidney.ca/Document.Doc?id=620>

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dialysis or co-morbidities in patients treated with home dialysis. The grants provide operating funds for research and the opportunity to support training of Fellows in nephrology research.

The Canadian 2009 grant recipients are:

- 1) **Institution:** University Health Network (Toronto, Ontario)
Sponsor: Edward Cole, M.D., FRCPC
Principal Investigator: Christopher Chan, M.D., FRCPC
Grant Title: “Towards a contemporary understanding of diastolic dysfunction in uremia”

- 2) **Institution:** St. Joseph’s Healthcare, Hamilton/ McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario)
Sponsor: Alistair Ingram, M.D., FRCP(C)
Co-Principal Investigators: Azim Gangji, M.D., MSc., FRCP(C),
Scott Brimble, M.D., MSc., FRCP(C)
Fellow: Winnie Su, M.D. FRCP(C)
Grant Title: “Effect of Bio-impedance Analysis vs Usual Care on Left Ventricular Mass in Peritoneal Dialysis Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial”

“These grant recipients represent some of the world’s most talented nephrologists conducting innovative clinical research that may lead to improvements in the quality of life and care for patients with chronic kidney disease,” says Barbara Leavitt, President of Baxter Corporation (Canada). “Supporting the RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program is a natural extension of Baxter’s commitment to advance patient care for those with chronic kidney disease.”

About the *Renal Discoveries* Extramural Grant Program

The RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program is designed to stimulate scientific advancement and general knowledge in nephrology in all regions of the world, with the goal of improving the quality of life and reducing mortality of patients with kidney disease. Recent grant rounds have also provided foundation training to the next generation of clinical investigators. The grant has supported translational research in the areas of dialysis therapies, chronic kidney disease and co-morbidities associated with chronic kidney disease, with the goal of improving the quality of life and reducing the morbidity and mortality of patients with kidney disease.

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An independent international Medical Advisory Board (MAB)—whose membership represents a breadth of scientific knowledge—evaluate and score each application based on the merit of the submitted proposals. RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program accepts research applications from all regions of the world. In the 2009 selection process, the MAB was charged with selecting at least one grant recipient in a low- or middle-income country, as defined by the World Bank List of Economies in July 2008.

Since 1989, the RENAL DISCOVERIES Extramural Grant Program has distributed more than \$32 million to 275 researchers from 24 countries. Many previous winners have published or presented the research they conducted to advance knowledge in the study of chronic kidney disease.

Applying for the 2010 *Renal Discoveries* Extramural Grant Program

In keeping with Baxter's commitment to advance knowledge that contributes to improved outcomes for patients with chronic kidney disease, Baxter is pleased to announce details of the 2010 *Renal Discoveries* Extramural Grant Program.

Baxter will award up to four grants for patient-oriented research in the area of home dialysis and/or co-morbidities in patients treated with home dialysis. Grant recipients can receive up to \$125,000 USD per year for three years. Grants may include either an operating grant or a combined operating grant and fellowship training grant.

The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent is April 15, 2010, and the deadline to submit a Full Grant Application is September 15, 2010. Please visit www.baxter.com/egp to download program details, writing instructions and application forms.

About Baxter Renal Therapies

Baxter's renal business provides products to treat end-stage renal disease, or irreversible kidney failure. It is a leading manufacturer of products for peritoneal dialysis (PD), a home therapy Baxter introduced 30 years ago. Products include PD solutions automated cyclers and clinical software. The business also distributes products for hemodialysis (HD), a therapy that generally takes place in a hospital or clinic.

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As a subsidiary of Baxter International Inc. (NYSE:BAX), Baxter Corporation (Canada) manufactures and markets products that save and sustain the lives of people living with hemophilia, immune disorders, infectious diseases, kidney disease, trauma, and other chronic and acute medical conditions. As a global, diversified healthcare company, Baxter applies a unique combination of expertise in medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology to create products that advance patient care worldwide. More information: www.baxter.ca.

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